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Mr. Paul Stacey
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Dear Mr. Stacey,

I support regulating, maintaining, and improving stream flow integrity. I don't want the regulations to be weakened. We must maintain the health and flow of our streams for current and future generations. If we don't vigorously protect our rivers and streams now, then restoring the damage done to them will only be more expensive in the future.

I don't agree with the supposition that CT can have any river that "...may exhibit substantially altered stream flow conditions caused by human activity..." The DEP should not give that authority to people or organizations. The term "substantial" is not defined as a metric or as a measure of health of the streams or rivers.

I see no level of protection for a Class 4 river or stream in the proposed regulations. That means that some rivers or streams will be written off. I oppose that concept. We should at a minimum be protecting all rivers and streams, not allowing them to die.

Either eliminate Class 4 or provide a vigorous level of protection for all rivers or streams. It seems to me that this is the role of the DEP in CT. From your Mission: "...to conserve, improve and protect the natural resources and environment of the State of Connecticut..."

Sincerely,

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